

A long suffering public may be forgiven a weary smile when Bryan accuses the republicans of being all things to all men.

Mr. Bryan says, "The party stands where it did in 1896 on the money question." If then the money question, or the free silver side of it, is a dead issue, as we would be made to believe by good democrats, some interesting inferences can be drawn as to the "standing" of the democratic party in the present campaign.

Republicans need no better argument upon which to base their demands for the control of the Philippines, than to point to what has been done in Cuba under President McKinley's administration. Order has been brought out of chaos, industries have been started, municipal reforms instituted, and the spirit of Americanism is abroad in the island. The government is self-supporting, and, characteristic of republican administration, there is a surplus in the treasury.

Many democratic orators and writers try hard to convince themselves as well as their hearers and readers that "free silver is a dead issue; as dead as the slavery question." They cannot get around the fact however that the big fight in the Kansas City Convention was made on this very issue and that the free silver forces came out victorious. If then, free silver is dead, the whole democratic platform is dead. But free silver is not dead, and the laboring man, to gether with the business man, will show by his vote on November 6 that he knows that it is not dead.

Election forecasts are always interesting, if not always reliable, and those of this campaign are no exception. Neither the official forecasts of republicans nor democrats are to be taken very seriously as they are highly colored to influence votes, but when it comes to those of the large independent newspapers like the New York Herald, the case is different. That journal for years has been very successful in its presidential forecasts, and for that reason the result of the careful canvass which it has been making has been eagerly looked for. It gives President McKinley 281 and Bryan 166 votes in the electoral college. As the forecast is the result of the most conscientious and painstaking canvass made, and is in line with the result of the great majority of independent forecasts, the figures may be looked upon as very strongly prophetic.

Ex-president Cleveland, to whom the sound money democrats have been looking for a sign, says he cannot express an opinion of the political situation any better than the way he sized it up before the last campaign. And as his expression then was quite forcible and edifying we reproduce it: "I reckless discontent and wild experiment should sweep our currency from its safe support, the most defenceless of all who suffer in that time of distress and National disaster will be the poor, as they reckon the loss in their scanty support and the laborer or workman as he sees the money he has received from his toil shrink and shrivel in his hand when he tenders it for the necessities of the humble home. I will not believe that if our people are offered an opportunity for intelligent second thought they will sanction schemes that, however cloaked, mean disaster and confusion, nor that they will consent by undermining the foundation of safe currency to endanger the beneficent character and purposes of their Government."

After reading some of the glowing eulogies which democratic eloquence has been paying to Lincoln in this campaign, and then turning to the records of 1861, an absent minded person could easily be excused for rubbing his eyes, or pinching himself to see if he was not the subject of an hallucination. He can come nearer sympathizing than ever before with the man in "Looking Backward," who had some trouble in determining his status as given in the calendar. There is certainly nothing wrong in the democrats lauding Lincoln, and we have no quarrel with them on that ground. But it does not set so well for them to assume a monopoly in that line and pretend to be bona fide political descendants of his, considering their attitude toward him when he was at the helm in the nation's greatest crisis. Just for instance, see the following, reproduced from a publication of 1894 in a representative democratic organ. "If Abraham Lincoln is re-elected President the liberties of the people are gone forever. Military despotism will rule. There will be no liberty of speech or press. Anarchy, bloody anarchy, will follow. Taxation without limit will grind the people to the dust. There will be more widows and orphans and more tyrannical oppression than the world has seen for centuries."

We have heard much in this campaign about the defection of the Germans from the republican party on account of the latter's policy of expansion. It must be remembered however that the Germans are for honest money before they are for anti-expansion. The following paragraph taken from the greatest Ger-

man-American publication in the country, the New York Staats Zeitung, and an anti-expansion journal, is very representative of the character of the German defection: "We consider a Republican victory less dangerous for the welfare of the Nation than the election of William J. Bryan. It would have been possible to overlook many of the weaknesses of the Democratic candidate if he had stood firmly upon the ground he took in his speech of acceptance in Indianapolis. But after he has shown, in his formal letter of acceptance and in numerous speeches delivered since then, that he has not learned, cannot and will not learn anything in regard to the financial question, that his ignorance and lack of perception in this direction are incurable, he must be considered the greater danger. His election would undoubtedly produce a widespread disturbance of present economic conditions, from which hardly anybody would escape, and which would subject the large part of the American people to severe suffering."

THE BALM OF CUSTOM.

There are some thousands of excellent Democrats who will vote for Mr. Bryan this fall because they have "got used to him." They will not vote for him because they have made a logical analysis—so far as such a thing is possible—of his curiously complicated ethics; they will not vote for him because that Bryanism, as a rejuvenating abstraction, is the one thing that will save this Western world from damnation and eclipse. But they will vote for him, and they will do it because he is no longer an object of unqualified terror to them. They will take him as a matter of course. They will take him somewhat as an uncomplaining farmer would take a blight or a long drouth—as a part of the Great Plan.

It is much easier to vote than it is to think, and it is far more restful to yield to the subtle magnetism of a good old world like Democrat than it is to dedicate a few "sessions of sweet, silent thought" to find out what that word means as it is used to-day in the United States of America. No honest man would encourage any illusion in regard to the simplicity of such an undertaking, but one might venture to wish that some of his pacific fellow countrymen would at least put to themselves the question of the immortal Congressman who did not know where he was "at." They are not silver men, they are "not exactly anti-imperialists;" they are just Democrats. They do not show specific symptoms of even the most remote forms of Bryanistic unrest; they do not seem to be more than casually restless over any thing. Marjorie Fleming would say that they are more than usually calm. They did not vote for Mr. Bryan in 1896, for he was a novelty then and they were afraid of him; but they will vote for him in 1900, for he is no longer a novelty and they are no longer afraid of him. Custom has so staled his infinite monotony that he does not seem to them to be half so dangerous as he used to be.

They are willing to confess that Mr. Bryan has a few peculiar attributes that are not wholly admirable, and some of them will say that they have occasional suggestions of something like doubt as to the alleged infallibility of his prophetic genius. They have heard that he can read the future as well as an ordinary man can read a newspaper, and a few of them may have heard that his persistent association with "things that are to be" has been bad for his sense of proportion, and positively shocking to his realization of the prophetic significance of things that are. But all this need not dishearten them. It is said that Michael Angelo, after completing his work on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, could not read a book with any comfort without holding it above his head; if this be true of Michael Angelo, what may not be true of Mr. Bryan? If so slight a task as that of painting Biblical allegories on a ceiling may produce such strange results, what may not be the results of trying to decorate the zenith with all sorts of platitudinal fables that will not stick? And who is to wonder that Mr. Bryan should be impatient and somewhat irrational? Not the reclaimed and passive supporters of his, assuredly. It is not their duty to wonder; it is their duty to be consistent Democrats. It is just as easy to be consistent as it is to be incredulous.

And therefore they will vote. They will not know precisely what they are voting for, but they will not be annoyed by a little discrepancy like that. They have relaxed themselves into a state of intellectual captivity that has developed by degrees into a condition that borders on political Nirvana, and Nirvana is nothing if not painless. Four solid years have been given to them for the attainment of the individual negotiation, and they appear to have improved every hour of it; they have got used to Mr. Bryan and they are going to do their duty, and they seem to be contented. There is a great deal in getting used to things. The illustrious Lord Byron wrote a famous poem about a man that got so used to being a captive that he regained his freedom with a sigh.—New York Tribune.

MR. BRYAN'S COUNSELORS.

Mr. Hoar says that if Mr. Bryan should be elected, the one most powerful force in his counsel at the South will be Tillman, as in New York it will be Richard Croker, "the political despot of the empire state." There is no doubt about this, or that Altgeld and Towne and George Fred Williams and Sulzer, not to mention other exponents of republicanism and socialism, would be in his counsel. For as president Bryan would have to have counselors and where would he get them unless among men of this kind? In order to carry out his policies he must have as advisers men who are in full accord with those

policies and he cannot find them among the old line democrats. Such of these as are supporting him do not agree with all the principles he stands for.

Mr. Bryan has said that he has made no promises to Croker or any one else in regard to cabinet positions. But everybody must understand that if elected he could not ignore Croker, particularly if he should get the electoral vote of New York. The demands of the Tammany boss would have to be considered and at least in part complied with, and we may be sure they would not be modest demands.

The fact that Mr. Bryan would have to select such men for his counselors may well command the serious consideration of conservative citizens. Who that is rational would entrust the credit, honor and welfare of the country to Croker, Tillman and Altgeld?—Omaha Bee.

LAFAYETTE ITEMS.

C. G. Christenson who was on the Newton farm has moved to Amity.

Mr. Calavan, the liveryman, has moved into the Carpenter property on Main street.

A. R. Burbank is very low with little chance of recovery, he being partially paralyzed.

Peter Olds has rented the Collard hop yard on the hill, of Frank Fenton for three years.

A man from Clackamas county has bought the Dell place on Piety Hill and has moved here.

The welcome rains have come and the farmers are once more happy turning the soil and sowing fall grain.

Mr. Laughlin, a brother of our blacksmith, has bought Mrs. Weaver's property near the Evangelical church.

Henry Newton who moved over into Washington a year or more ago has moved back to his farm at St. Joe.

We have another barber now. A Mr. Osborne of Tillamook is located on Main street and is giving good satisfaction.

John Wall of Carlton has moved here and is occupying the Uncle Jim Johnson house near the Methodist church.

The steamer Bonita is making regular trips to McMinnville now, there being plenty of water above the locks for large steamboats.

Sam Ewing has moved on a farm near Seilo, having sold his land near here, also his residence property in town to a Mr. Geen who is recently from Nebraska.

The political campaign is very quiet here this year. The fusionists have abandoned given it up that Bryan is in the coup again and the republicans think so, too, so there is little room for argument.

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